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35 U.S.C. 111(a) AND 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application.

Applicant is entitled to claim small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(d) and 1.27(c).

☒ Description 16 pages  
☒ Claims 2 pages  
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If a CONTINUING APPLICATION

Continuation ☒ Divisional of U.S. Patent Application number 10/162,261, filed June 4, 2002, currently pending, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/529,900, now U.S. Patent No. 6,485,496, issued November 26, 2002

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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE SMALL ENTITY 385.00	RATE OTHER 770.00	TOTAL 770.00
Total Claims	8 -20 =	0	X \$ 9.00	X \$ 18.00	0.00
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	X \$ 43.00	X \$ 86.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)			+ \$ 145.00	+ \$ 290.00	0.00
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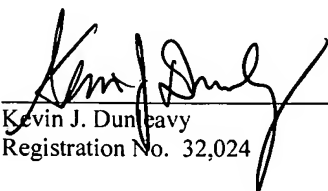
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